

NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING SEPT. 17 IN HERTFORD FOR THE PROPOSED U.S. 17
BUSINESS/N.C. 37 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT,
Project includes replacing the swing-span "S-Bridge" over the Perquimans River

TIP Project R-4467

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public hearing in September regarding a proposed project to reconstruct a section of the U.S. 17 Business/N.C. 37 causeway in Perquimans County from Church Street in Hertford to N.C. 37 in Winfall, as well as replace the existing swing-span "S-Bridge" over the Perquimans River.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the Perquimans County Recreation Department, located at 310 Granby Street in Hertford. It will begin with an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a formal presentation at 7 p.m., and ending with a question and answer session. The opportunity to submit written comments and ask questions will be provided throughout the meeting. The presentation and comments received will be recorded and included in the alternative selection process.

The existing causeway on U.S. 17 Business/N.C. 37 is settling unevenly due to unstable soil under the roadway. In addition, the S-Bridge is weakening due to age and is outdated according to federal safety standards. The purpose of this project is to replace both the road and bridge to maintain a reliable, safe, direct connection from downtown Hertford to Winfall and northern Perquimans County.

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was approved in February 2013, which included studies on three alternatives for the project. It has been determined that rehabilitating the existing swing-span bridge is neither practical nor safe.

NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the three proposed alternatives for the project during the open house portion of the meeting. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the open house hours.

The formal presentation will include of an explanation of the location and design of each proposed alternative, as well as information about the state-federal relationship, the required right of way and relocation requirements and procedures that will be part of the project.

Maps displaying the location and design of the project and a copy of the EA are available for public review at the following locations:

- Hertford Town Hall, 114 West Grubb Street, Hertford;
- Winfall Town Hall, 100 Parkview Lane, Winfall;
- Perquimans County Courthouse, 128 N. Church Street, Hertford;
- NCDOT Division 1 Office, 113 Airport Drive, Suite 100, Edenton; and
- NCDOT District Office, 1929 North Road Street, Elizabeth City.

Copies of the maps and EA are also available on the project website at:
<http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US17BusinessNC37Improve/>.

For additional information, please contact NCDOT Public Involvement Group Leader Jamille Robbins at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1598, by phone at (919) 707-6085, or via email at PublicInvolvement1@ncdot.gov. Please submit comments before October 18, 2013.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Robbins as early as possible so that arrangements can be made. Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.